

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Atty. Docket

RAOUL FLORENT et al.

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IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR NOISE REDUCTION IN AN IMAGE SEQUENCE REPRESENTING A THREADLIKE STRUCTURE

Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;

before line 9, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;

line 22, change "It results that" to --By use of the method, --;

line 25, change "provides" to --provide--;

Page 2, line 11, change "to operate" to --direct--;

line 12, delete "the propagation of"; change "for a" to --thereby--; delete "to be made to";